



# Global Environment Facility

## Summary of Document GEF/ME/C.35/4/Rev.1

### Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office

#### Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/4/Rev.1, “*Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office*,” approves a budget of \$4,024,382 for FY10 to cover the cost of operating the GEF Evaluation Office and implementing its work program, including the completion of OPS4.

Regarding FY11 through FY14, Council takes note of the proposed work program and activities and requests the Office to prepare annual budgets for Council consideration and approval in each of its June meetings.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The principles behind the four-year rolling work program for GEF4 of the Evaluation Office were approved by the Council in June 2007. The work program during a replenishment period gradually builds up to an overall performance study to be conducted during the third year of the GEF phase and completed in the fourth. During FY09, the EO was conducting its three annual reports (Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation and Impact and Performance Reports), completing the mid-term review of the Resource Allocation Framework, participated in a joint evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund for Adaptation with the independent Evaluation Department of DANIDA (Danish International Development Assistance) and conducting the Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF. For FY10, the Evaluation Office proposes to complete and disseminate the OPS4 (culminating at the Fourth Assembly of the GEF in Uruguay in May 2010), conducting a new round of its three annual reports: Country Portfolio Evaluations, Impact and Performance Reports and completing the joint evaluation of the LDCF. FY10 will also be an opportunity for the Office to conduct an extensive consultation process to review the implementation of the 2006 GEF M&E Policy and develop a revised version for Council review and approval to be implemented during GEF5.

2. The Office has delivered the work program approved by Council in April 2008: the mid-term review of the Resource Allocation Framework and the Annual Report on Impact 2008 presented at the Council meeting in November 2008; the interim report of OPS4 (to be presented at the June 2009 replenishment meeting), the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluations Report 2009 (with inputs from three country portfolio evaluations: Syria, Egypt and Cameroon) and the Annual Performance Report 2008 to be presented at the June 2009 Council meeting.

3. In fiscal year 2010, the Evaluation Office will have the following products:
  - OPS4 report and its dissemination including presentations at the third replenishment meeting for GEF5 and the Fourth GEF Assembly;
  - Annual Report on Impact 2009, which includes an impact evaluation of the Ozone Depleting Substances focal area as well as other impact work to be presented to the November 2009 Council meeting,
  - Annual Performance Report 2009 to be presented at the June 2010 Council meeting;
  - Annual Country Portfolio Evaluations Report 2010 to be presented at the June 2010 Council meeting;
  - Joint Evaluation of the LDC Fund
  - Website restructuring, new channels for sharing lessons and disseminating results; as well as knowledge products for targeted groups.
  
4. The Evaluation Office proposes a budget of \$4,024,382 for fiscal year 2010, a 3% increase vis-à-vis the approved 2009 budget. The overall cap for GEF4 of just over \$15 million as agreed with Council in June 2007 will be maintained.